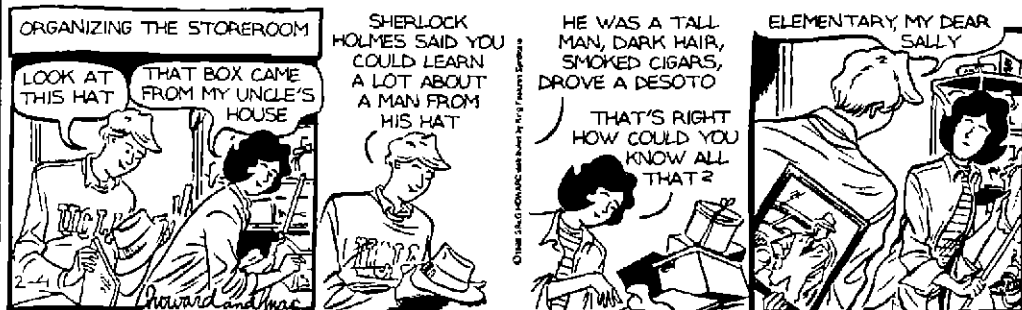


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SALLY FORTH



THE AMAZING SPIDER-MAN



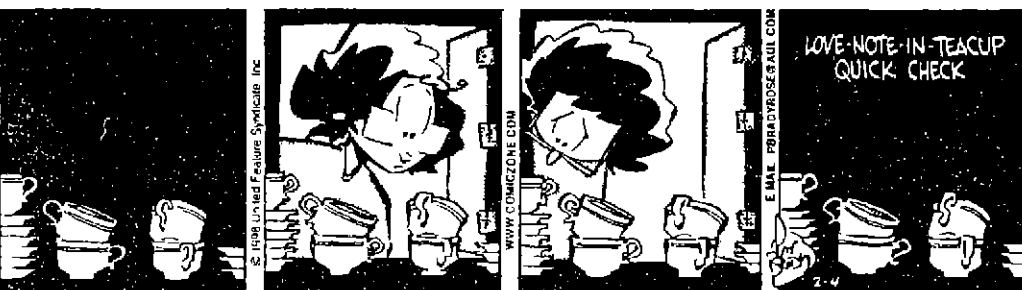
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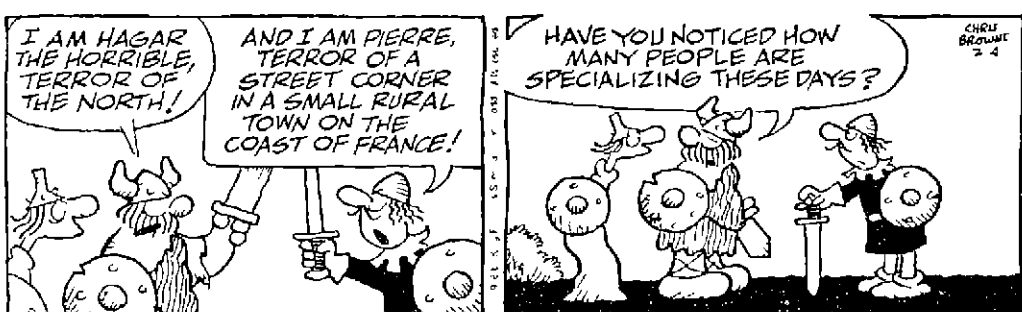
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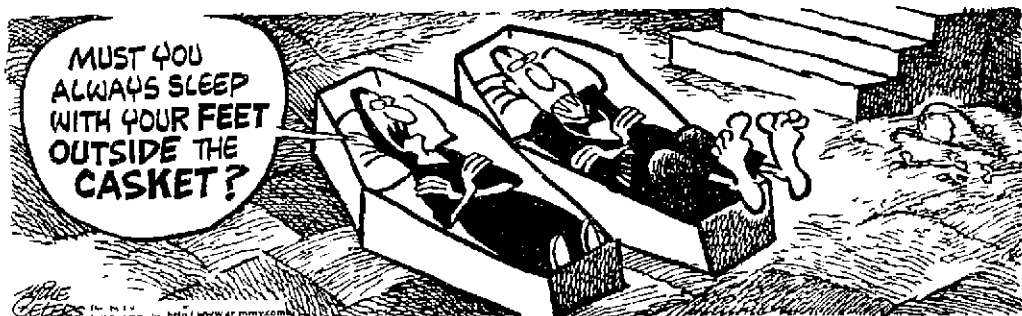
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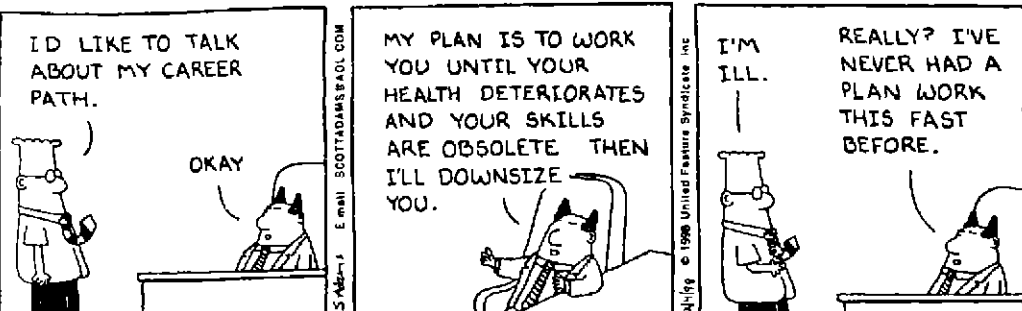
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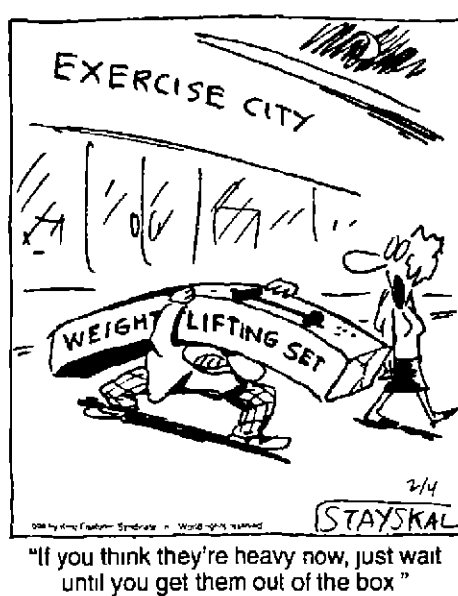
FAMILY CIRCUS



RHYMES WITH ORANGE



RALPH



Today's Birthdays

Civil rights pioneer **Rosa Parks** is 85. Feminist author **Betty Friedan** is 77. Actor **Conrad Bain** is 75. Actor **Gary Conway** is 62. Singer **Florence LaRue** (The Fifth Dimension) is 54. Comedian **David Brenner** is 53. Former Vice President **Dan Quayle** is 51. Rock singer **Alice Cooper** is 50. Actor **Michael Beck** is 49. Actress **Pamela Franklin** is 48. Country singer **Clint Black** is 36. Actress **Gabrielle Anwar** is 28.

I NEED HELP



SCRABBLE

M	T	S	I	L	A	D	
P	C	S	R	E	U	L	
H	N	T	U	A	G		
N	S	E	I	Y	T	J	

PAR SCORE 115-125
by JUDD

FOUR RACK TOTAL TIME LIMIT 20 MIN

DIRECTIONS: Make a 2 to 7 letter word from the letters in each row. Add points of each word using scoring directions at right. 7 letter words get 50 point bonus. Blanks used as any letter have no point value. All Judd's words are in The Official Scrabble Players Dictionary (Merrim-Webster) and OSW Official Scrabble Words (Chambers). JUDD'S SOLUTION TOMORROW

For solution, see Classified.

WORD SLEUTH

Earth

C Y V T Q O L I A G D B Y W T
R P C M K I F Y T I V A R G D
B Y W O U E S Q M O M K I F D
B Z T E N A L P O C E A N S X
E L O P H T U O S W U E O S O
O F N L J H I I P F D C I C A
Y W I V T S X N H H Q A T T P
N L K L Y A D I E H T F A H F
E C B S R E V I R N Z R T G Y
W V R O T A U Q E U T U O I S
R Q P N M L J I H F E S R N D

Tuesday's unlisted clue: ESKIMO

Find the listed words in the diagram. They run in all directions - forward, backward, up, down and diagonally. Wednesday's unlisted clue hint: Earth's Force Of Attraction

Atmosphere	Equator	Oceans	South Pole
Axis	Life	Planet	Sphere
Continents	Night	Rivers	Surface
Day	North Pole	Rotation	

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For solution, see Classified.

HOROSCOPE

For Thursday, Feb. 5, 1998

ARIES (March 21 to April 19) More words are not enough and you know it. You're spending too much time planning how you're going to accomplish a task. Stop procrastinating.

TAURUS (April 20 to May 20) Temptations are everywhere but you make an effort to resist them. You realize there's work to be done.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 20) You play some catch-up early in the day. Something you've put off doing can't be ignored.

CANCER (June 21 to July 22) While you're not in a romantic mood, your mate could use some attention. Once your work is out of the way, make an effort to reconnect with your mate.

LEO (July 23 to Aug. 22) A sporting event or outing captures your enthusiasm. Family members pitch in.

VIRGO (Aug. 23 to Sept. 22) If you check out your new acquaintance, you are likely to find that he or she is just a bit too needy.

LIBRA (Sept. 23 to Oct. 22) You clearly know where you stand, and you won't be swayed. However, rest assured your opponent in the argument isn't about to change his or her mind either.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23 to Nov. 21) You're allowing false pride to stand in your way.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22 to Dec. 21) If you need help on that work project, go ahead and enlist someone's aid.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22 to Jan. 19) If applying for a loan or other financial assistance, don't get discouraged. These things take time. Ultimately, it all will work out in your favor.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20 to Feb. 18) You get relief from the recent hectic pace and can breathe a bit easier.

PISCES (Feb. 19 to March 20) You get the information you need in order to complete a do-it-yourself project.

ACES ON BRIDGE

By Bobby Wolff

"Maybe it won't cost much in matchpoints," offered a guilty South. "They might buy the hand at other tables and make a part-score in either clubs or hearts."

Whatever it cost us was too much, replied North. There was no reason to rush the play in diamonds. West led the heart jack and South was quick to win dummy's ace. Just as quickly, he went after dummy's diamonds, intending to pitch his losing hearts. He didn't go far. After he cashed the king and ace and led the queen, East's unexpected ruff spoiled the party. Whether South overruffed or discarded a heart didn't matter; he couldn't avoid five losers for one down. South alibied he wanted to first discard two hearts on the diamonds remaining in dummy to lead spades through East. His excuse had a shorter life span than his faulty plan. "Did you expect both defenders to have four diamonds?" was North's acerbic reply. A much better play was to cash the trump ace before starting the diamond suit. This prudent move would pay huge dividends whenever the defender short in diamonds had a singleton trump honor or the doubleton K-Q. In today's layout, cashing the trump ace hits the jackpot. When East drops his singleton trump queen, South runs the diamond suit without interruption. This gives him two heart discards and a valuable overtrick.

NORTH
♠ 10 9 5 3
♥ A 6 5
♦ A Q J 7
♣ J 6

WEST
♠ K 7 4
♥ J 4
♦ 10 8 6 4 3
♣ 9 8 5

EAST
♠ Q
♥ K Q 9 7 3
♦ 5 2
♣ A K Q 10 4

SOUTH
♠ A J 8 6 2
♥ 10 8 2
♦ K 9
♣ 7 3 2

Vulnerable Both
Dealer East

The bidding
East 1♥ South 1♠ West 1♠ North 1♠
Pass Pass Pass Pass
*game invitation

Opening lead Heart jack

N.Y. TIMES CROSSWORD

No. 1224

ACROSS

1 They're found on gift tags
6 Telephone device
10 Killer whale
14 Unanimously
15 Mine, to Manet
16 What some vacationers do
17 Seasonal accomplishment #1
20 Duration
21 Med students studies
22 Sports event
24 "Inside Politics" broadcaster
25 Seasonal accomplishment #2
33 Book before Joel Abbr

34 One of the Churchills
35 Medicinal plant
36 Musical composition suffix
38 Gibbs of country music
40 Geom. shape
41 Loamy soil deposit
43 Long times
45 Small suffix
46 Seasonal accomplishment #3
49 Harvardite rival
50 "That's a ----!"
51 Dives
56 Blazing
60 Advice to the accomplice

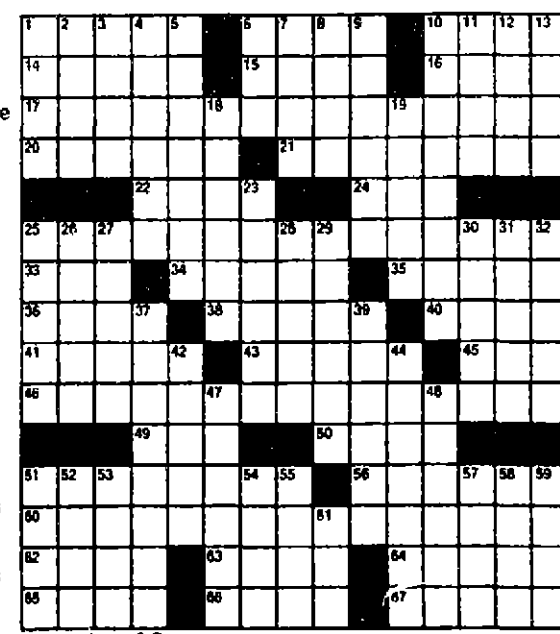
62 Seed covering
63 View from Taormina
64 Wife of two Forsytes in "The Forsyte Saga"
65 Yarn
66 NCO
67 Bus subordinates

DOWN

1 Salt
2 1975 Wimbledon winner
3 Literary time of day
4 Elgar's "Variations"
5 Sonnet endings
6 Gridlock
7 "It's ---- world" Dickens
8 "---- fan tulle"
9 Cousin of camp
10 Showy-flowered shrub
11 Shad delicacies
12 Help for Nancy Drew
13 Locale of the world's longest road tunnel
16 Locale in a Dr. Seuss title
19 Descartes and Magnite
23 Paved
25 Have puppies
26 Kind of blade
27 Launder of cosmetics

ANSWER TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE

AZORES SHOW CAL
BODEGA LAME ARE
COSTAR IVAN RIG
ANARMANDALEG
SAKI EEN EASY
CLANTON ALBS
RIB AMAN AROMAS
ABUSHELANDAPECK
PILEON HALS THU
REST FESTOON
MOLT EAT ROOK
AYEARANDADAY
BVD ALPO AVOIDA
EGG SLIP NOUGAT
LYE PAINT ANTONY



Puzzle by Nancy S. Ross

28 Nostalgia
29 Cast
30 Get the better of
31 Sibling of a mere or pere
32 Ranked
37 Make a crowd
39 Encroachment
42 Center of a 1965 voter registration drive
44 Iced drink
47 Clan members
48 Gondoliers

51 Academic rite of passage Abbr
52 Bit of Euromoney
53 Monopoly purchase Abbr
54 Times Square sign
55 Caroled
57 Pub quaffs
58 Fly off the handle
59 Donald and Ivana e.g.
61 Cole who sang "The Christmas Song"

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